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BIG EASY RANCH RAISES \$425,000 FOR MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER

(Columbus, TX – June 21, 2023) Big Easy Ranch recently donated \$425,000 raised during its annual Big Easy Ranch Shoot Out to the Department of Immunology at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Exclusive to Big Easy Ranch members and their invited guests, the Big Easy Ranch Shoot Out combines an 18-hole scramble golf tournament and a 10-station sporting clay competition. Eighty golfers and 36 shooters participated. The event also included a lunch, cocktail reception, awards dinner and live auction.

“This is always such a fun event,” said Billy Brown, Owner of Big Easy Ranch. “It was especially exciting this year to have the golf tournament take place on The Covey, our new 18-hole golf course that opened four weeks before the event.”

The Big Easy Ranch Shoot Out launched in 2018 and was on hiatus due to the pandemic in 2020 and 2021. Last year’s tournament raised \$400,000, and more than \$1.3 million has been raised for MD Anderson Cancer Center since its inception.

“Each and every one of us has been affected by cancer in some way,” Brown said. “Being a cancer survivor and patient of MD Anderson, I wanted to do something to give back to the cancer community and specifically to those who are spearheading research programs that treat and cure cancer. Hopefully, our contributions will not only aid those diagnosed with cancer now but help obliterate the disease completely.”

This year, tournament corporate and team sponsorships totaled \$152,500. Among the many sponsors were Title Sponsor Classic Chevrolet of Houston, Golf Tournament Sponsor Partners in Building and Sporting Clay Tournament Sponsor PetroQuip Energy Services/Mechanicle Technical Services. More than \$308,000 was raised during the live auction alone, which included beach house stays in Texas and Puerto Vallarta, a charter fishing trip, a pheasant hunt and golf

tournament at Big Easy Ranch, custom Fausti shotguns, a bloodline Labrador Retriever puppy and more.

Another \$41,000 was raised through a raffle with club level tickets to Astros games, weekend stays at Big Easy Ranch, custom fit golf clubs and artwork from local artists. Brown said many of the auction and raffle items were generously donated by members of Big Easy Ranch.

Next year's Big Easy Ranch Shoot Out is set for April 16, 2024.

"We have a goal to not only exceed this year's participation in 2024, but also how much we raise," Brown said.

Located about 90 minutes from both Houston and Austin, Big Easy Ranch spans 2,000 acres along the Texas foothills in Colorado County. Members enjoy golf, fishing, sporting activities, wingshooting and whitetail deer and exotic hunting. A 12,000-square-foot Big Easy Lodge is complete with a dining room, bar and wine cellar along with meeting rooms, outdoor patios and a fire pit. The newly opened Brown Plaza is a 1-acre amphitheater slated for outdoor events and concerts. Wine Spectator awarded Big Easy Ranch a "Best of Award of Excellence" in 2020. Luxury overnight lodging consists of individual cabins and fully furnished houses. In addition, a limited number of real estate opportunities include estate homesites averaging one acre along with shared ownership villas. Learn more about the ranch at www.bigeasyranch.com. Details about the event can be found at www.bigeasyranchshootout.com.

Photo Information

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Big Easy Ranch Owner Billy Brown, left, presents a check to Dr. Michael Curran, PhD MD Anderson Cancer Center Department of Immunology.

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Celebrating a \$425,000 donation from Big Easy Ranch to the Department of Immunology MD Anderson Cancer Center are, left to right, Stacey Mueller, MD Anderson Cancer Center Assistant Director, Individual Giving; Doug Fuqua; Lisa Brooks; Big Easy Ranch Owner Billy Brown; Dr. Michael Curran, PhD MD Anderson Cancer Center Department of Immunology; Nicole Scarbrough; Brittany Scarff; and Chad Braun.

About Big Easy Ranch

Located in Colorado County with convenient access to Houston, Austin and San Antonio, Big Easy Ranch spans 2,000 acres of hill country terrain and with first class amenities that include a sporting clays course and rifle range, fishing lakes, infinity pool, wingshooting, and trophy whitetail and exotic hunting. Golf amenities include the new 18-hole golf course, a nine-hole par 3 golf course, golf practice facilities and golf academy. Luxury overnight accommodations along with a 12,000-square-foot lodge providing first class dining and wine program that was awarded "Best of Award of Excellence" in 2020 by Wine Spectator. The Brown Plaza is a 1-acre amphitheater slated for outdoor events and concerts. Widely recognized as A Sporting Club Like

No Other, Big Easy Ranch is a private sporting club providing exclusive access for its members and their guests.